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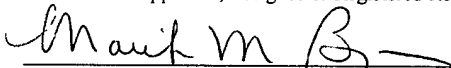
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ELITE EVENT GAT-ZM1 IN BIOLOGICAL  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please consider the following requests and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. (Amended) A DNA molecule, which can be amplified from a nucleic acid sample of corn comprising elite event GAT-ZM1, using a set of primers comprising a first and second primer, wherein the first primer comprises a sequence of 15 to 30 nucleotides that is